

AN ORDINANCE **97167**

**APPROVING THE CITY'S 2003 FEDERAL INITIATIVES
PROGRAM FOR THE 108TH CONGRESS – 1ST SESSION.**

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WHEREAS, preparation for the First Session of the 108th Congress, which convened on January 7, 2003, began in November 2002 with a solicitation for federal initiative recommendations by the External Relations Department and in response recommendations were received from the Mayor and City Council, City departments, and local public agencies, such as Brooks City-Base, City Public Service, KellyUSA, San Antonio Housing Authority, University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations were reviewed by the City's Federal Government Affairs Team, which is comprised of staff from the External Relations Department and the City's federal lobby team and the team proposed a list of priorities to the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Bonnie Conner, and including councilmembers David Carpenter, Antoinette Moorhouse, Bobby Perez and Carroll Schubert, which, in turn, finalized and recommended adoption of the legislative program to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Federal Initiatives Program for the First Session of the 108th Congress addresses legislative and regulatory issues related to the funding and development of a comprehensive homeland security plan for San Antonio, obtaining an \$81 million Letter of Intent (LOI) from the Federal Aviation Administration for the San Antonio International Airport, supporting a national energy policy that promotes the increased production, supply, transportation, and conservation of domestic energy resources, as well as safeguarding the interests of municipally-owned electric utilities, advocating initiatives that will maximize the economic value of San Antonio's current and former military bases in preparation for the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment process, obtaining a two-year "port of entry" designation for the San Antonio International Airport, and supporting legislation to enhance logistics/distribution and trade promotion capabilities related to the Inland Port San Antonio initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2003 Federal Initiatives Program consists of ten (10) initiatives, including securing \$63.9 million to enhance the City's Emergency Operations Center and to carry out the objectives of the *Anti-Terrorism Plan for Bexar County and San Antonio*, \$18.8 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in

the redevelopment of the Victoria Courts, \$5 million to support the educational research and development efforts at the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at UTSA, \$3.52 million in federal funding for phases IV and V to complete the Mission Trails Project, \$3 million in financial support to plug abandoned water wells in Bexar County, \$2.8 million in continued funding to support facilities and research at the Brooks City-Base Center of Excellence in Biotechnology/Bioprocessing Education and Research, \$2.5 million in federal assistance to establish the KellyUSA Material Science and Engineering Lab & Center of Excellence, \$1.7 million in direct funding to the San Antonio Water System to upgrade security infrastructure and develop security and threat assessment training for its employees, securing available funding from the federal Departments of Defense and Transportation to expand San Antonio's existing Intelligent Transportation System infrastructure, and supporting significant funding increases in federal surface transportation programs through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century; and

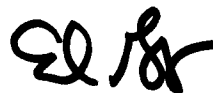
WHEREAS, the government affairs team of *Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey, L.L.P.* will play a lead role in representing, advising and consulting on behalf of the City and the City will continue to work closely with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities on a variety of municipal issues pending before Congress and the Administration;
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The 2003 Federal Initiatives for the First Session of the 108th Congress is hereby authorized and approved. A draft of said Federal Initiatives Program is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

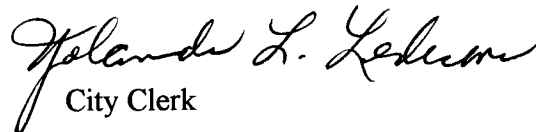
PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2003.



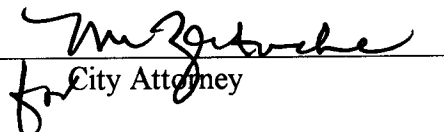
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EDUARDO GARCIA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney